Release of D.A. to Central Government employees and pensioners

1247. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have lately released an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance for its employees and pensioners;

(b) if so, that details thereof and from what date it takes effect; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in announcing the same ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) and (b) The details of the additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Govt. employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners as sanctioned from 1-7-92 are as follows :—

Employees	Pensioners	Dearness Allowance/ Dearness Relief
Basic pay upto Rs. 3500/- p.m. . .	Pension upto Rs. 1750/- p.m.	12%
Basic pay above Rs. 3500/- p.m. and upto Rs. 6000/- p.m.	Pension above Rs. 1750/- p.m. and upto Rs. 3000/- p.m.	9
Basic pay above Rs 6000/- p.m. . . .	Pension above Rs. 3000/- p.m.	8%

(c) The instalment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief due from the 1st July generally become payable with the salary/pension for the month of September. The orders for grant of additional instalment of Dearness Allowance to Central Govt. employees and Dearness Relief to pensioners due from 1-7-92 were issued on 29-9-92 and 30-9-92 respectively.

Monitoring of wasteful expenditure

1248. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM :

DR. NAUNIHAL SINGH :

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news item captioned 'New Scheme soon to monitor Union Ministries expenses' appearing in the 'Economics Times' of 2nd September, 1992.

(b) if so, what is the extent to which the scheme has been useful in monitoring the expenditure of the ministries and controlling the wasteful expenditure; and

(c) whether Government have drawn a list of wasteful items of expenditure incurred by the ministries and if so, the details thereof and whether expenditure on these items has been banned ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Instructions were issued at the beginning of the current financial year for a monthly phasing of both receipts and expenditure. The actual receipts and expenditures were required to be monitored against these monthly targets. This has worked quite well. For effecting economy in expenditure separate instructions have been issued from time to time. These include curbs on travel expenses, expenditure on furnishing, telephone charges, fuel consumption, entertainment publications, holding of seminars, conferences and meetings, etc.